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Student government wants campus to voice concerns

EMILY GERTENBACH '11
A&E EDITOR

As all who attend Lebanon Valley know, it is a small campus. In terms of distance and volume, it's no problem to be heard when standing outside and shouting to someone halfway across the campus.

Yet what about being heard in another sense? Is it really possible for students to pitch ideas and suggestions to the administration? Certainly it is possible to shout it outside and be heard in that sense—but where can a student go to be listened to?

A large part of most educational institutions, student government associations function as a way for students to communicate desires and concerns to their respective administrations, as well as plan functions for the student body. Lebanon Valley's Student Government Association, also known as the SGA, is no different—yet many students do not realize the amount



Katie Zwiebel '12 / LA VIE (Image taken last semester)

STUDENT REPRESENTATION Charlie Fisher '09, president of SGA Executive Committee, and Crystal Zakszeski '09, secretary run a typical student government meeting, held Monday nights at 9:40 p.m. in Faust Lounge

to which they can be involved.

LVC's SGA is officially designated to “function as the central bureau for representation of all student concerns,” according to the Student Government Constitution. “Student Government shall coordinate and

sponsor activities for the entire campus community with the Student Programming Board and all other Government recognized organizations as well as manage the budgets of those recognized organizations.”

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Dean search comes to an end

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It was announced this week that Dr. Michael Green of Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. is to be the new Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Lebanon Valley College.

He will be assuming the position from Dr. Brian Hearsey, professor of mathematics and acting dean and VPAA. Upon Green's arrival, Hearsey will return to his position in the mathematical sciences department.

Green's hiring brings an end to a search that began nearly a year ago upon the announcement that former dean and VPAA Ron Toll would be leaving LVC.

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Considerable damage done in bus accident

LINDSAY BRACALE '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

During a skiing trip over the weekend to the Blue Mountain Ski Resort in the Poconos, LVC students and staff were involved in a bus accident with no student injuries reported. The accident occurred on Saturday, Feb. 7, around 12 p.m.

Brooke Donovan, Associate Director of Student Activities and Engagement, organized the trip and was on the bus during the accident.

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Send-off ceremony held at LVC

SARAH GRODZINSKI '10
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, Feb. 5, Lebanon Valley College hosted a good-bye ceremony to 500 members of the Pennsylvania National Guard in the Arnold Sports Center.

The soldiers, part of the 628th Aviation Support Battalion, were recognized among 2000 friends and family, as well as college students and faculty members. The 628th Battalion totals nearly 650 soldiers who will have three



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EMBRACE Over 2,000 family and friends gathered together February 5, to say good-bye to their loved ones, as they prepared for their deployment

months of further training at Fort Sill in Oklahoma before leaving for Kuwait in April and eventually arriving in Iraq.

The brigade is part of the largest aviation deployment of the National Guard in Pennsylvania history.

Sergeant Jason Dufour has been in the National Guard for 10 years.

“I love my country and I love doing good things like this for my country when support is

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NEWS

Battling to open for Eve 6

ALYSSA BENDER '11

FEATURES EDITOR

After all the votes were tallied, it was announced that The Dirt Party and The Technocrats will join national recording act Eve 6 on the mainstage of this year's ValleyFest.

Ten bands rocked out for the coveted spot at the Battle of the Bands this past Friday night. The bands were judged on originality and interaction with the audience, among other things.

"We're looking for dance moves, hairdos, gold chains, and tight pants," joked judge Professor Jeff Snyder, Director of the Music Business Program at LVC. "Seriously, we're looking for how tight they are, how they work the audience, the harmonies, the energy."

Kristy Adams, the second judge, is Director of Web Communications at LVC and has previously worked in the music industry. The third seat

was filled by Joe Trojcek, a composer and engineer, as well as the owner of Progressive Studios in Elizabethtown.

This year's Battle of the Bands was a highly anticipated event.

"This year by far is the biggest battle we've had since I've been here," said Matthew Howell-Clarke '10, Vice President of the ValleyFest Committee and Evening Entertainment Chair. "Only three of these bands played in the battle last year. And these aren't only freshman bands—there are seniors, too."

In fact, not all the bands that signed up had the chance to play. According to Howell-



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BATTLE OF THE BANDS Winners Ryan Cagno and his band The Technocrats will join The Dirt Party to open for Eve 6 at this year's ValleyFest. ValleyFest will be held April 17 and 18th.

Clarke, thirteen bands had originally signed up, but due to time restraints, the committee cut the bands down to ten. The bands that were cut are promised day stage slots if they want them.

The event was highly successful with over 250 in attendance in Lutz Hall. Students voted for their favorite bands with spare change—and spare ten and twenty dollar bills, as was the case with a few buckets. The judge's input was then considered to determine who would play with the national headliner at ValleyFest.

Mr. LVC 2008, Joe Sheehy '09, was the emcee for the night, and LVC's Audio Engineering Society provided the sound. Each band was allotted twelve minutes to play and played an average of three songs each.

Both winning bands are made up of almost all LVC students or alumni.

The Dirt Party consists of Tim

Wolfe '07 on bass, Greg Harris '09 on guitar, AJ Myers '10 on trumpet, Carl Bahner '07 on drums, and John Rooney on sax. The group played funky jazz-fusion and was unique in showcasing a different instrument in each of the songs they played.

The Technocrats are a fairly new band, only playing together since September of 2008. With Anthony Spinnato '11 on drums, Ryan Cagno '11 on guitar and vocals, Asher Condit '11 on piano and vocals, and Aaron Glasbrenner '11 on bass, this was the group's first show together.

"We're feeling pretty good," said Cagno before the show. "You never know what the judges are going to do. We're just going to have fun."

You can see both bands play, as well as Eve 6, at Valleyfest 2009.

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ACCIDENT: no injuries reported

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Apparently, the accident was caused by a reckless driver which escalated into a string of events.

"A car cut across two lanes and cut in front of the first bus," Donovan reports. "The first bus driver was unable to stop the bus as this was very sudden, and he hit the car. He suddenly stopped, which caused the second bus to have to stop in a very short amount of time. The second bus could not stop and he hit the [first] bus."

Another car was involved in the accident as well.

"Due to both buses stopping suddenly, a fourth vehicle that was traveling behind the second bus lightly hit the back of the second bus," she continues. "The ramp was graveled from the snow and it was hard to stop on."

State Police were on the scene immediately, and no one was seriously injured.

"No one from the buses or either cars were taken by ambulance," says Donovan. "[However], superficially, several students [and I], hit the seat in front of them or were jarred due to the impact."

Alyssa Kreider '10 was on the first bus and saw the accident unfold.

"We were on the highway, get-

ting off on an exit on a ramp, and I knew that the second bus was behind us," she says. "All of a sudden, I felt the air brakes and I stood up to see what was going on. I saw a car cut in front of us very quickly."

She continues.

"We felt the airbrakes, and I felt the first impact. The second one was the second bus hitting us." Kreider also hit the seat in front of her and "hit my nose," she says.

The trip continued, however.

According to Donovan, "the bus company had replacement buses on the scene... as soon as they could to shuttle students to the ski trip."

There was considerable damage done to both buses in the accident.

"The first bus had damage to the front left side and the rear, and the second bus had its entire front windshield shattered, front bumper damage and door damage," Donovan says.

Vice President for Student Affairs Greg Krikorian gave a statement on the accident.

"We are extremely happy and thankful that no student injuries were reported and the trip eventually continued," he said.

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SGA: input "essential to the functioning of student government"

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If the structure of campus organizations is shaped like a wheel, the student government association is the hub at the center—the point from which all other campus-funded organizations stem from. All new organizations on campus desiring student government funding for their group must apply with the SGA and generally go through a probationary period in which the organization can gauge the response to their group within the student body.

The SGA constitution states "it shall be the duty of Student Government to serve as librarian for the constitutions of the various campus organizations... [and] to apportion the student activities funds placed under its control by the Administration."

"For student organizations specifically, I would like to stress that they make sure their proposals for budgets and other matters are done with specifics as well," said Zach Strohm '09, senior class president and student government club liaison.

Though the school's website states that student government includes "24 full time and two commuting students selected from the student body each spring for a one-year term beginning in September," not all students realize that they can be involved in student government.

"We'd love to have more stu-

dents," said Jen Evans, Director of Student Activities, "so they can see the process and maybe get more students involved in running. It seems like once that freshman class is elected, sometimes people think, 'Well, my class reps are elected.'"

Evans explained that students still may run for a position on Student Government after their freshman year. The SGA constitution states that "all elections shall be held in early April for returning students and in September for incoming students. All full-time Lebanon Valley College students who are not on disciplinary or academic probation at the start of the term are eligible for election." Prior to the election, all nominees are required to write an essay that is to be publicly displayed.

Students who wish to be involved but do not have a desire to run for office may still attend weekly meetings. All students are welcome to attend the meetings, held at 9:40 p.m. on Mondays in Faust Lounge, though there may be points at which the meetings are closed to the public.

"There are times when the president can close a meeting. And that might be when there are some issues that we feel have confidentiality issues," Evans said.

However, both Evans and Strohm have noticed an improvement in student interest.

"The level of student involvement at meetings is very impressive this year as compared to years past. There are about two to three students who come consistently every week, whereas in previous years, no one other than student government members attended," Strohm said.

Strohm feels that student input is "essential to the functioning of student government" and that being involved in student government has been a beneficial experience for him.

"I have learned to better harness my leadership abilities and have become more skilled at organization," Strohm said. "Student government has also taught me the proper avenues to go through if I need something on campus and has made me more familiar with the school's administration."

For students unsure where to start, Strohm recommends talking to a class representative.

"I would like to see more student involvement," he said. "However, not at the risk of slowing down meetings to the point of getting nothing accomplished. I feel that students need to be better informed, which would be a benefit of them coming to the meetings; however, I feel they should give their student concerns to their respective representatives."

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NEWS

CEREMONY: Troops prepare for deployment

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needed," says Dufour, a Clearfield resident who is leaving behind his pregnant wife Nicole.

His mother, Marilyn Barrett is concerned.

"I just wished there will soon be peace in this world, so that sons won't have to go off to war," Barrett says of her 20 year-old son who's majoring in mechanical engineering at Penn State. She is glad that the ceremony occurred because the boys should be saluted and commended for serving their country.

Adam Snow, 21, didn't know why he was in the National Guard but admits he just wanted to "fix up his life."

Others, however, were more certain. Beth Stippich, 19, says she wanted to be in the military since she was little. She will be supporting the air medics and helping with sick calls when overseas.

For the families, there were keepsake pillows to give to a loved one until they returned. From little kids running up to the lines of soldiers to hug their dads goodbye to tearful mothers and wives, the sol-



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SUPPORT President Stephen C. MacDonald wishes PA National Guard members well at last Thursday's ceremony for the troops as they prepare to be deployed

diers were all wished a warm farewell and good luck as they prepared to leave for duty.

"The National Guard is the best of both worlds: the civilian world and the army world," says soldier Susan Zbegner.

The soldiers will remain in Iraq for 397 days.

Lebanon Valley College sophomore Grant Becker was there with the basketball team watching the ceremony.

"I think I would have been here even if coach wouldn't have told us to come," states Becker. "It's important to support our troops and wish them the best of luck and a safe return."

Jessica Wickenheiser '11 agrees. "I think it's awesome LVC is hosting this and supporting our troops. It shows the college's interaction with the community."

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DEAN: Dr. Michael Green announced as new dean

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After a temporary suspension of the search in the spring, the applicants were narrowed down to three finalists, each of whom met with a panel of students in January.

Green, currently serving as associate dean and associate vice presi-

dent at Augustana, will assume his position on July 1, 2009.

According to LVC's website, Green previously served as chair of Augustana's music department, during which time he "led a redesign of the curriculum and oversaw a major renovation of the music fa-

cilities."

In the announcement, Green says he is "excited to begin my work at an institution with such a rich history as well as excellent opportunities for the future."

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Corrections & Clarifications

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Kristin Miller's year was incorrectly identified as '09, instead of '10, and the word "concerns" was misspelled in the subheadline of the story "SGA back in session"

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: *Corrections*.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS!!

LVC LIVE

Saturday, April 4, 2009
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CAMPUS CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

The Public Safety Office has no reportable incidents on campus this week.

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

SGA Update

Bailout request approved for Yearbook

KRISTIN MILLER '10

LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The SGA has approved yearbook Editor-in-Chief Ryan Zvorsky's request for a \$2,080 "economic stimulus." The bailout was needed to keep the yearbook financially afloat.

In other action at its Monday meeting, the SGA:

Approved giving intramurality club status because it passed last semester's probation.

Mentioned that Dr. Michael Greene, a senior administrator from Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., has been chosen as Lebanon Valley College's new Vice President of Academic Affairs. He assumes the position July 1st.

Gave the green light so the Superfan program will now include all fall, winter, and spring sports. T-shirts will be available for each season. Spring-

time requirements are needed to receive a t-shirt this semester. More Superfan promotions are on their way.

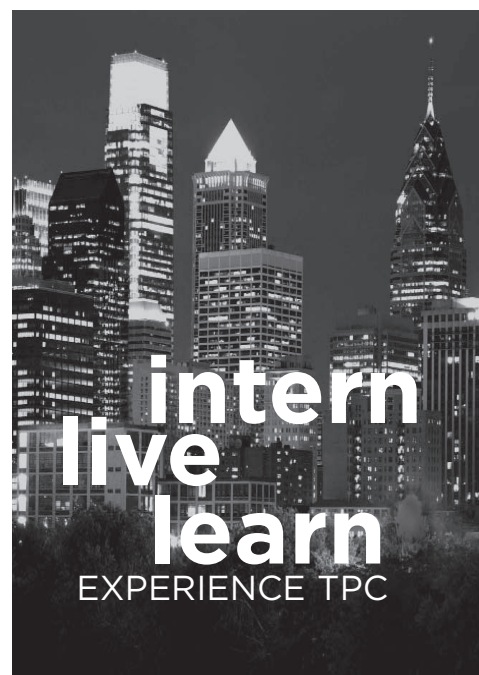
Upcoming events: Founders' Day next Tuesday and Relay for Life on March 27.

Student concerns: Several complained that drivers were going the wrong way on Summit St. behind Mund; swipe cards not working at Funk West; and facilities workers using all the computers in the new student center.

Finally, changes to the cafeteria have been taken into consideration such as egg-white omelets, removing the salsa from beside the cheese, and new "green-ware" added for drinks.

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Features

Deatrick kicks off coffeehouse series

NOELLE BARRETT '11
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

LVC students and the public filled MJ's Coffeehouse on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 9:30 p.m. as Eric Deatrick '10 performed an acoustic set.

The show was the first of four that are scheduled for this spring's Coffeehouse Series. Deatrick, a physical therapy major, has been playing guitar since he was a sophomore in high school.

"I played drums since I was in 4th grade," he says. "I got bored and picked up guitar."

Deatrick shared the spotlight as a few of his friends joined in for the performance, which included covers and an untitled, original song by Deatrick and Matt Howell-Clarke '10.

"We wrote it fall this year. I had

already written the chords [and] Matty came up with the melody," says Deatrick, adding. "It's about helping a friend find their own way [and] discouraging people from following other people."

Howell-Clarke also lent his vocals for a few covers, including "With a Little Help from My Friends" and "Homeward Bound."

Others who performed with De-



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DEATRICK DELIVERS Inspired by artists such as Paul Simon, Deatrick performs at MJ's for LVC's Coffeehouse Series

"I definitely like to shred," the junior admits. "I like acoustic finger-picking. I try to stay versatile."

atrick during the set were Chase VanDuzer '09, Rob Bell '08, and Jennifer Bocian '09.

Deatrick is a fan of Paul Simon and performed covers of "Mrs. Robinson," "The Boxer," "Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard," and "The Only Living Boy in New York."

Besides the drums, Deatrick also plays the electric guitar with LVC's resident '80s cover band, The Pinheads, and has played drums with different bands during summers.

Deatrick also played covers of songs by Tom Petty, James Taylor, Jim Croce, Eric Clapton, Cat Stevens, and Pink Floyd. By the end of the show, the crowd shouted, "Encore!" to which Deatrick responded, "You're in luck," and played Pink Floyd's "Comfortably Numb."

The Coffeehouse Series will continue with the Irish-American folk/rock group Cean on March 11, Mark DeRose on April 1, and Scott McKenna on May 6. All shows are at 9:30 p.m. and free to the public.

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PIRATES SET TO SAIL

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Swashbuckling pirates. Romantic twists. Roaring comedy?

LVC's 2009 musical production presented by the Wig and Buckle Theater Company takes on the challenge of blending all three in Gilbert and Sullivan's comedic operetta *Pirates of Penzance*.

Beginning Friday, Feb. 13, this production of singing pirates and random hilarity will start its two-week performance schedule.

"We have been considering Gilbert and Sullivan for a long time," said Dr. Kevin Pry, faculty advisor of Wig and Buckle and associate English professor. "You're going to see wonderful silliness."

Dr. Pry also mentioned that LVC has long taken on a "string of dark, quirky musicals" in the past. He said that this year they decided to change direction and perform a "light, family-friendly one."

Ben Long '10 took on the daunt-



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DAMSELS IN DISTRESS The ladies of *Pirates of Penzance* show their dramatic side in a scene from the show. *Pirates* opens this Friday to a sold out crowd

ing task of directing the production.

"I love doing musicals here so much," said Long, "You don't get the opportunity [to direct] very often." He also emphasized the need for a hard-working cast and said that everyone involved had been great. "Every single person put their heart into

it and it really shows."

Everyone noted that this production has many comedic moments.

"It is absolutely hilarious," said Hannah Grube '12 who plays the love interest Mable. "The whole bloody thing is just so much fun."

However, the production wasn't without its challenges.

"All the numbers are vocally challenging," said Erin Brubaker '11, choreographer of the show. Karen Oulahan '11, stage manager, agreed.

"Everyone's been working very hard," she said.

Ryan Cagno '11 took on the role of Frederick, the musical's young hero.

"There are literally buckets of swashbuckling," he stated. "I also like the songs when the girls swoon when I sing," he said, laughing. He added further incentive for the ladies to come out to the show. "I will have a sword and visible chest hair."

The website stuorgs.lvc.edu/wigbuckle provides quick access to reservations. One simply needs to follow the link, click on the tickets tab, and reserve the quantity desired. The box office is 717-867-6162 for questions as well.

All the performances have sold out except the Saturday, Feb. 14 showing at 8:00 pm. Tickets are free for LVC students, \$12 for adults, \$7 for non-LVC students and LVC faculty, \$5 for seniors (60+) and children (10 and under).

"I am excited for the moment to watch it for the first time [when] it all comes together," said Long. "I know I'll be proud."

Interested in a fun-filled swashbuckling ride full comedy and music?

The Pirates of Penzance is about to sail in, and tickets are almost gone.

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The Real Deal

"Ich auch," means "me too" in German and is one of about five German phrases I know. If people are speaking German near you and you say it, not only does it imply that you know what they're talking about, but it's hilarious when you discover what you're agreeing to. I learned several German catchphrases during my semester abroad this fall, but what's funny is, I didn't study in Germany, I went to Cambridge, England.

My memories from this semester are always on my mind, and to put them on paper is a greater challenge than I anticipated. Despite the difficulty, the words I conjure must express one thing very clearly: this semester would have been nothing without the friends I made. The single-most valuable thing I gained from my time in Cambridge was the friendship of a crazy mix of international students.

Throughout my childhood my dad joked that when you become a teenager you suddenly "know everything" and it's not until you get to college that you realize how little you really know, and that's definitely what this semester was for me.

Not only has my knowledge of Europe expanded tenfold, but of myself. I'm comfortable being alone. I can walk up to someone and start a conversation without feeling embarrassed. I can travel alone by train, bus, and plane with confidence. I can deal with difficult people without losing my head or hurting their feelings. I can make friends with people of different languages and backgrounds, and love them as much after three months as those I've known all my life. So when my Cambridge friends say they miss being together, the best way I know to answer is "Ich auch."

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Arts & Entertainment

As the world goes green, the film industry goes Blu

KEVIN WISNIEWSKI '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Now that the format war between HD DVDs and Blu-ray DVDs has ceased, Blu-ray is the new victor paving the way as the future for home entertainment.

After paradoxically receiving strong endorsements from both Disney and the porn industry, the success of Blu-ray DVDs was inevitable.

Blu-ray runs on digital signal and provides the ultimate at-home, high-definition experience, with an improved sound and picture quality that puts standard DVDs to shame.

Most individuals are reluctant to make the switch to Blu-ray for two reasons: one, it is quite expensive to go Blu. A Blu-ray player costs around \$400 and a Blu-ray disc is about \$30, as opposed to \$100 for a DVD player and \$15 for a standard DVD.

The second problem is that consumers question whether or not Blu-ray has any significant



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Above left, a Sony advertisement displays Blu-ray discs and players. To the right, a Sony employee displays discs at a technology show in 2005.

improvements over DVD technology.

First, the price of upgrading to Blu-ray can be light on the wallet if consumers are briefed on where to look for the best deals. Best Buy stores are continually running sales on Blu-ray players and offer weekly deals on Blu-ray DVDs, including two for \$35. Amazon.com

offers Blu-ray players starting at \$200 and Blu-ray DVDs begin at \$13.

Blu-ray is without a doubt an unparalleled improvement on standard DVDs. Blu-ray DVDs boost a picture quality six times that of standard DVDs and offer a more immersive and realistic 3-D experience. Blu-ray DVDs

run at 48 Megabits per second as opposed to a measly eight megabits per second for standard DVDs.

Blu-ray also provides 7.1 channels of high definition streaming audio. Not only visually arresting, Blu-ray's sound is top of the line and supports 32 streams of audio. Investing in some Bose speakers

would provide for dazzling surround sound.

Blu-ray DVDs are able to hold 50 GB of information, which is five times that of standard DVDs. An additional scratch resistant layer on both sides of a Blu-ray DVD promotes longevity and an aesthetic appeal.

Most Blu-ray DVDs also come equipped with high definition features and interactive menus accessible during the duration of the film, avoiding the annoyance of pausing and rewinding.

For individuals wondering what Blu-ray means for their existing DVD library, worry not! All Blu-ray players will play standard DVD's with no problem while improving the picture and sound quality.

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Born to run, the Boss is working on a new dream

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Whether he knew it or not, Bruce Springsteen ushered in a new era of his career with the release of 2002's *The Rising*, an era that has continued through 2007's *Magic*, and an era that has waited in anticipation for this year's *Working on a Dream*.

If *Working* serves as any milestone in Springsteen's three decade career, it acts as a stamp on a second era, indicating the end of a musical peak initiated with *The Rising*.

The album's opener, "Outlaw Pete," is an eight-minute epic complete with soaring synth-strings and heavy vocal reverb. This ambitious leading track is a contender for the best on the album, dripping with the gruff passion and spot-on songwriting that fans have come to expect from Springsteen. The echoing chorus of "Can you hear me?" is haunting

and powerful, the cornerstone of a song that would not have been out of place on *We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions* or even *The Rising*.

Unfortunately, the rest of *Working on a Dream* fails to hit the mark set by "Outlaw Pete." The album's title track is slightly bouncier and more melodic, reminding the listener of some of the more likeable songs on *Magic*. "Working on a Dream," however, is soaked in lyrical cliché, and over half of the lyrics consist of the line "I'm working on a dream."

The lyrical quality continues to slide downhill in the album's dead-weight track "Queen of the Supermarket." This song joins a long list of love songs written to nameless grocery store girls, only to fall short of all others that come to mind. The music's synth-soaked 80s-feel channels Meatloaf style frills with Patti Scialfa sealing the compari-



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son, crooning the son's title behind Springsteen.

The next track, "What Love Can Do," is an acoustic guitar-driven pop tune suitable for Top 40 radio. The song almost acts as a fulcrum, tipping the album into mediocrity by the end of its last organ-tinged chorus.

The half of the album that follows is largely forgettable, punctuated by a few gems along the way. "Tomorrow Never Knows" sounds like a *We Shall Overcome*

outtake, with Springsteen's vocals sounding the most honest since "Outlaw Pete." "Surprise Surprise" tries hard to be more lackluster than "Queen of the Supermarket"...and falls short by inches. Its lyrics act as reminders of why listeners skip half of the tracks on *Magic*.

"The Last Carnival" is the last proper album track and is a fitting closer. The singer growls end-of-the-day-is-coming lyrics over a sparse arrangement, using a powerful tune to seal the deal on a somewhat lacking collection of songs.

The real gem lies in The Boss's contribution to the movie *The*

Wrestler. A somber acoustic tune tacked onto the end as a bonus track is reminiscent of *Devils and Dust*, an album that served as a direction changing record for Springsteen.

Bruce Springsteen has built an undeniable legacy, and while *Working on a Dream* is certainly no *Born To Run*, it serves as the fourth in a series of albums that documents the second coming of his career.

If "The Wrestler" is any indication, another *Devils and Dust* is just around the corner.

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Single for Valentine's Day? You're not alone

Keep a positive attitude, appreciate friends and family, and buy a pogo stick

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CO-EDITOR

Valentine's Day, a day set aside specifically for you to show your love for your significant other. A day reserved for that romantic candle-lit dinner you've been putting off for too long. A day to just forget about the world and immerse yourself in the sweet presence of your loved one.

Or, should you happen to be without a significant other, you may perhaps find it a day to lock yourself indoors and listen to a continual loop of 90's music. A day in which the onslaught of mushy Lifetime movies is so overbearing it could suffocate a Teletubby. A day to curl up in the fetal position and engage in a self-consumed debate of where, exactly, you went wrong in life.

Indeed, for the singles of the world, Valentine's Day can seem nothing more than a festering heap of disenchantment and broken dreams.

However, while it may seem a daunting task at first, in the big scheme of things, February 14 only comes once a year, and with the right attitude, you may be shocked

to learn that surviving V-day alone isn't really hard at all. In fact, it just might be the way to go.

Believe it or not, there are actually perks to being single on Valentine's Day, chief among them the fact that there is no way you can possibly screw up.

The commercials on TV in the weeks building up to Valentine's Day inundate us—particularly and unfairly, I think, males—with an almost deathly fear of screwing up the most romantic day of the year with a clichéd gift or poor taste. And so like flies to meat, we storm retailers such as Macy's, Royer's Flowers, and Bath and Body Works, uncomfortably aware that we could not be farther from our element and masculinity.

Whether you're a guy or a girl, though, if you happen to be single come the 14th of February, you don't have to spend a dime unless you want to, which with today's grim economic outlook is something we can all appreciate.

Or if you so choose, put that penny saved to good use and indulge a little bit. Buy something for yourself. Make it materialistic. Make it

frivolous. Hell, make it a pogo stick, should the whim strike you.

If you are really feeling down, though, a nice little trick is to send yourself flowers anonymously and act surprised when they arrive. Not only do you achieve a few seconds of artificial bliss, but you also support the floral arrangement industry which, like many sectors of the economy, is under considerable stress at the moment.

Even so, though you might try to maintain a positive attitude on a day that explicitly celebrates love, it can still be a challenging task. However, if you find yourself feeling down, don't make it worse. Nobody likes a Negative Nancy (or Negative Ned), so rather than letting yourself be downtrodden by the cruel hand of Fate, go out and do something that will cheer you up.

I return for a moment to the aforementioned pogo stick argument: take a trip back to your childhood days when the opposite gender still had cooties and frying plastic figurines with a magnifying glass was the high point of your afternoon. In addition, exercise is a proven stress-buster, so

should you feel so inclined, load up your iPod with your favorite songs and hit the treadmill for a while.

The best advice I've heard on the subject of Valentine's Day, though, was told to me by someone several years ago. She said that on Valentine's Day, whether you're single or with someone special, show the ones you care about that they matter to you, whether they're your significant other or not.

I was turned down when I followed this theory and asked her out later on—so there are clearly holes to this logic—but the principle itself is sound and worthy, I think, of inclusion in the list of feel-good, self-satisfying quips we use to make ourselves feel better when life throws us lemons.

So to conclude, I suppose the moral of this story, then, is that if you're single this Valentine's Day, realize that it's not the end of the world and that in fact there are lots of people out there just like you.

And if you need cheering up, buy yourself a pogo stick.

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CHEERS!



and

Jeers...



CHEERS to Facebook originator, Mark Zuckerberg, who saw his creation reach the five-year plateau on Feb. 4. According to cnn.com, Facebook has about 150 million users worldwide. Zuckerberg revolutionized online communication in such a way that it allows subscribers to access profiles of friends safely and free of charge. Estimated at \$15 billion, the Harvard graduate made Time's 2008 list of most influential people in the world. College students everywhere have taken his project and transformed it into what is arguably one of the largest online social networks to ever sweep the Internet.

Jeers to the Pittsburgh radio station KDKA and host Marty Griffin for staging a fake talk show contest. According to pennlive.com, the host misled callers by promoting a \$1 million contest on Thanksgiving 2007 with no intention of following through with the reward. The CBS radio affiliate will be fined \$6,000 and has 30 days to either appeal the decision or pay the fine imposed by the Federal Communications Commission. Apparently, the joke is on KDKA.



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SPORTS

VALLEY TALLY

ICE HOCKEY

The ice hockey team continues to look for its first win after falling in two straight games to Manhattanville College on the weekend. The defense improved on the weekend, but the offense only recorded one goal in two games.

TRACK & FIELD

Both the men and the women impressed at the East Stroudsburg University Invitational this past weekend with multiple top-15 finishes among a field of competition that included Division I and Division II schools. No team scores were kept, but Jenn Cronin '11 recorded another record-breaking day in the 3,000 meter, while Jerome Duncan '12 and Brian Phanthavong '09 performed impressively in the men's 55-meter hurdles. Many other LVC students performed well, including Josh Light '10 who was the top Division III runner in the 55-meter dash.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

JEROME DUNCAN TRACK & FIELD

Duncan followed up an impressive week at the LVC Invitational with an impressive showing at the ESU Invitational, finishing 3rd in 55-meter hurdles and 14th in the 55-meter dash.



LORI LIDLOW BASKETBALL

The sophomore guard earned conference Player of the Week honors after putting up 19.5 ppg, while averaging 4.5 rebounds and 3 assists in two games. Lidlow's week was highlighted by a game high 21 points against Messiah.



A-Fraud controversy rages on

We have heard it before. Mark McGwire. Sammy Sosa. Barry Bonds. Rafael Palmeiro. Roger Clemens. And now, Alex Rodriguez. The complete scope of the steroid-era, as it is now called, is hard to determine, but with Rodriguez admitting on Monday that he used steroids between 2001 and 2003 while as a member of the Texas Rangers, it has become apparent that steroids injected itself deep within the culture of baseball. In response to Sports Illustrated's report of Rodriguez's failed drug tests and A-Rod's own admittance, what do LVC baseball players have to say about the issue?

"A-Rod has never tested positive in a real drug test. That test was suppose to be an anonymous test with no consequences. I believe many more athletes in all sports are using performance enhancing substances than people realize, and with millions of dollars on the line...I don't blame anyone for trying to get an edge. Steroids don't help anybody hit a baseball, maybe the balls would not have cleared the fence by fifty feet, but just about all of them would have been home runs."

Shane Specht '11, infield/ right-handed pitcher

"As much as I hate A-Rod, I'm glad that he came clean and admitted to using performance enhancing drugs. I am just sick of the media beating this to death."

Bert Malloy '09, outfield

"I think that A-Rod was put under tremendous pressure when he got his \$252 million dollar contract, I can easily see why he would have to result to use steroids...This story just proves that any one can crumble under pressure situations."

Nate Blough '11, infield/ right-handed pitcher

B-BALL: Men fall in back-to-back contests

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Neither team led by as many as six for nearly 10 minutes of the second half, but the Valley found themselves down nine again (43-34) at the 10:25 mark.

The scrappy home team battled back, tying the game 90 seconds later on a 9-0 run to tie the game at 43-43.

Hoover knocked down two of his five shots on the run, one a jumper in the paint, and the other one a deep three-ball after Kerns dished him the rock off the Becker steal, forcing Albright to take a time out.

In the final 7:03 of the contest, the teams went back and forth, forcing three ties while neither team went up by more than five points.

Enoch forced the first two ties with lay-ups and Hoover tied the game up with 40 seconds left.

The game came down to the final Lions shot, where Zac Shaeffer knocked home the lay-up with four

seconds to go to secure the win.

After the Wednesday night loss, the squad traveled to Messiah College, looking for a road win, coming home with a 75-65 loss.

Enoch led all scorers with 22 points on 9-of-16 shooting, going 4-for-8 from beyond the arc.

Meehan posted another double-digit scoring output, going for 17 points on 6-of-10 shooting and converting on 4-of-5 from the line.

Five ties highlighted the first half of play, as Messiah took a 31-30 lead into the locker rooms.

LVC led by as many as four on two occasions in the final two minutes of the half, after Kerns knocked down a pair from the stripe and Enoch sank a jumper from inside the arc.

The second half was another seesaw battle between the Dutchmen and the Falcons, but the Valley never took more than a one-point lead, with their final one coming after an

Enoch trey at the 13:24 mark.

Lebanon Valley only trailed by five with 37 seconds to go after a Meehan jumper, but Messiah extended that lead to 10 and never looked back.

Enoch talked about this huge setback and what the team needs to do in order to make a playoff push during a postgame interview.

"Last week was an important week and we definitely did not do what we needed to," said Enoch. "At this point, we need a lot of things to happen. It's definitely not the position we want to be in but we have to refocus and win our remaining games."

Lebanon Valley (10-11, 3-6 CC) hosts Arcadia University tonight at 8 p.m. and Elizabethtown College on Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. on Hot Dog Frank Day and the White Out Game. The team sits at a game and a half behind fourth-place Lycoming College.

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Scoreboard

Men's Basketball:

2/4 vs. Albright L, 57-59
2/7 at Messiah L, 65-75

Women's Basketball:

2/4 vs. Albright W, 58-57
2/4 at Messiah L, 59-71

Ice Hockey:

2/6 vs. Manhattanville L, 1-6
2/7 vs. Manhattanville L, 0-5

Men's Indoor Track & Field:

No team scoring kept at ESU
Invitational on Saturday 2/7

Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball:

2/11 vs. Arcadia 8 p.m.
2/14 vs. Elizabethtown 4 p.m.
2/17 at Widener 8 p.m.

Women's Basketball:

2/11 vs. Arcadia 6 p.m.
2/14 vs. Elizabethtown 2 p.m.
2/17 at Widener 6 p.m.

Ice Hockey:

2/13 at Elmira 7 p.m.
2/14 at Elmira 7 p.m.

Indoor Track & Field:

2/14 Dickinson Invite TBA

Swimming:

2/13-15 Dickinson Invite TBA



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BY THE NUMBERS

14

The team-leading number of total points on the season recorded by Nicholas Schultz '12, forward for the ice hockey squad

10:37.45

School record time in the women's 3,000 meter run recorded by Jenn Cronin '11 at the ESU Invitational on Saturday

115

Team-leading number of rebounds by Megan Bish '09 for the women's basketball team



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Women's Basketball
in the...pink
See Below



SPORTS

PinkZone game tonight

Women's basketball take on Arcadia, breast cancer

BRITTANY TOBIAS '11
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Taking down the Arcadia Knights won't be the only mission on the court for the Lebanon Valley College Women's Basketball team tonight. They'll be raising awareness and money for the battle against breast cancer during its second annual "Pink Game."

This year's PinkZone game will include activities both before and after the game. An LVC pep band will be playing at the game to add to the excitement, and everyone who attends will be eligible to win prizes. Gift certificates for the college bookstore, restaurants, and iPods are just some of the items up for grabs this year. There is also a chance to win a 2009 Chevy Cobalt for a lucky fan if he or she can make a half-court shot during half-time.

The Dutchmen mascot will be on hand to cheer on the team and hand out prizes. Subway Man, the mascot for the popular sandwich chain Subway, will also be distributing coupons for a free sub every time an LVC player hits a three-



Courtesy Sports Information

THINKING PINK The home crowd from last year's PinkZone game on Feb. 5, 2008 against Lycoming. The gym was filled with over 1,300 fans for last year's thrilling 76-75 overtime victory. This year's organizers are hoping for even better results as they strive to raise money for breast cancer research

point shot.

In its effort to make this year's event even more special, the team will be wearing pink uniforms, which are currently up for silent auction. "The team will be dressed in pink uniforms to honor those who have battled cancer and those

who continue to fight," said Todd Gocłowski, head coach of the women's basketball team.

The Colleges Against Cancer group will have pink shirts and other apparel available at a booth during the game. CAC is an on-campus group that promotes edu-

cation and awareness around the campus and also helps plan the Relay for Life event.

The game will also feature a booth for the American Cancer Society of Lebanon. There will be information on detection, prevention, and the treatment of breast cancer.

"Our goal is to raise funds and awareness about breast cancer and to make sure our community comes together to celebrate with us in the fight," Gocłowski said. After filling the gym with over 1,300 fans last year and raising over \$3,400, the team has set a goal to fill all 1,600 seats in the LVC Gymnasium and beat last year's amount. The event is still free for LVC students.

The game starts at 6 p.m. with pre-game festivities beginning at 5:30. Be sure to wear pink to show your support for fighters and survivors of breast cancer as well as our Women's Basketball team as it fights to raise money for a worthy cause.

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Men struggle to stay in play-off picture

RYAN ZVORSKY '09
CIRCULATION MANAGER

Basketball is a game of stretches and the Dutchmen are on a losing one, dropping back-to-back Commonwealth Conference games last week to bitter rivals.

In game one, Lebanon Valley hosted Albright College at the LVC Gymnasium, falling in a thriller in the final seconds, 59-57.

Guard Grant Becker '11 led the Valley on the night with 15 points on 6-of-11 shooting from the floor and 3-of-3 from the line in his 31 minutes of action.

Three other Dutchmen carded double-digit scoring outputs in two-guard Kyle Enoch '09, shooting guard Zach Hoover '11, and point guard Joe Meehan '12, all posting 12 points apiece.

Outside of that, the Valley only shot 36.5 percent (23-of-63) from the floor.

In the first half, 4:30 ran off the clock before LVC converted on its first field-goal attempt, as Becker hit Enoch in stride for the lay-in. The score stood at 7-3 Lions.

Becker scored the next four points for the Dutchmen on two free throws from the stripe and a deuce at the 12:55 mark.

Lebanon Valley still trailed by five (12-7), but Albright ran out to a nine point lead at 20-11 after Matt Ashcroft put home the trey from the outside at 8:41.

The Lions went up by nine again (24-15) with 5:12 left in the opening half, but LVC rode on an 11-2 spurt to close the half deadlocked at 26-26.

On the run, Meehan was able to knock down four points while Enoch buried one from downtown after forward Dan Dunkelberger '10 stole the ball, fed it to guard Dustin Kerns '09, who found his classmate on the wing.

Becker ended the half tipping in a missed Meehan jumper.

Women's basketball holding on to play-off berth

SHERAE JONES '11
LA VIE SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team has had their ups-and-downs this season. It has been a change from last seasons 14-0 start, to this seasons 13-7, 6-3 record. Despite the change they are still in line for a play-off berth.

The Dutchmen are ranked second in the Commonwealth Conference, behind nationally ranked #8 Messiah.

Wednesday night, the woman took on the Lions of Albright College, in a conference match up. With the help of Lori Lidlow's '11 lay up with 1:19 to go, the Dutchmen defeated the Lions, 58-57.

Great performances were given by Lori Lidlow '11 (18 points), Andrea Hoover '11 (13 points)



Courtesy Sports Information

FANTASTIC FRESHMAN Caitlin Murphy '12 during Saturday's loss to Messiah. Murphy started the game and played 31 minutes scoring 9 points in the game

and Megan Bish '09 (9 points, 3-3 from the 3-point range).

The win was the Dutchmen's third win in six games. However, the Dutchmen could not record win number four as they fell to Messiah, 71-59, on Saturday.

The Falcons shot an impressive 50 percent from the floor, while the Dutchman only shot 34 percent. Messiah was led by Sal Shani's impressive double-double, 16 points and 19 rebounds. Shani played a major role in the Falcons spectacular rebounding. Messiah led in offensive rebounds,

15-10, and overall 44-32.

Despite their poor shooting, the Dutchman still fought back during the game.

Unfortunately, the Dutchman did not start the second half off well. Instead, the Falcons jumped out strong. Midway through the half, the Falcons gained their biggest lead of the game and led by 25 points with 7:56 to go.

However, the Dutchmen continued to play hard and only fell to the Falcons by 12 points, 71-59.

While Messiah improved to 9-0 in the conference, LVC fell to 6-3.

With just four games left in the regular season, the women are looking to end on a positive note.

The squad plays their last two home games this week.

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